



Doug Burgum

Governor

PROCLAMATION NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH

OCTOBER 2017

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota has declared the month of October 2017 as "National Principals Month" in coordination with the efforts of the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the American Federation of School Administrators, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, working with the U.S. Congress, to designate "National Principals Month" and resolutions thereof; and

WHEREAS, the vision, dedication and determination of a principal provides the mobilizing force behind any school reform effort; and

WHEREAS, principals are expected to be educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, disciplinarians, community builders, public relations experts, budget analysts, facility managers, special programs administrators and guardians of various legal, contractual and policy mandates and initiatives, as well as being entrusted with the education and development of young people, the most valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota honors such exemplary elementary and middle level public, private, and independent school leaders committed to serving students from pre-kindergarten to grade eight (pre-K–8) in their profession; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota recognizes outstanding middle level and high school principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students, as well as their exemplary contributions to the profession; and

WHEREAS, to honor and recognize the contribution of all school principals and assistant principals at all grade levels to the success of students in North Dakota elementary and secondary schools; and to encourage residents of North Dakota to observe "National Principals Month" with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of school leadership's role in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2017, **NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

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ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State